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SUBJ: STAGE IS SET FOR BOUGUIBA'S RETURN

1. PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S RETURN TO TUNISIA TOMORROW IS
BEING ORGANIZED AS "A MAJOR EVENT", AND STATE AND PARTY
APPARATI HAVE BEEN WORKING FULLTIME OVER PAST WEEK TO
ENSURE LARGE PUBLIC WELCOME. ON STREET PARKING HAS BEEN

BANNED ON MOST IMPORTANT STREETS OF CAPITAL AND NUMBER OF
THEM ARE CLOSED TO PUBLIC TRAFFIC FOR PART OF DAY.
GOVERNMENT AND PARTY PRESS IS BILLING "PRESIDENT'S
RETURN AFTER REGAINING HIS HEALTH" AS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT
THAN BOURGUIBA'S RETURN TO TUNIS FROM EXILE IN 1955, AND
EXPECTATION IS THAT THOUSANDS WILL BE ON HAND AT AIRPORT
AND ALONG MOTORCADE ROUTE.

2. QUESTION OF WHETHER PRESIDENT'S WIFE WOULD RETURN
WITH BOURGUIBA HAS NOW BEEN ANSWERED. OFFICIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT AUGUST 29 NOTES THAT CHIEF OF STATE AND
MADAME BOURGUIBA WILL BOTH ARRIVE AT 4:30P.M. ACCORDING
TO OFFICIAL PROGRAM, THEY ARE TO REMAIN IN CAPITAL UNTIL
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SEPTEMBER 2 WHEN THEY GO TO MONASTIR FOR DELAYED
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION NEXT DAY. PRESIDENT WILL CELEBRATE
AID EL FITR IN MONASTIR ON SEPTEMBER 4.
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